

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 26, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Butman, et al. Independent Claims 1, 12, and 23 recite in general the formation of a boundary traversal key from a connections property table at a client network having information to traverse a boundary device controlling access to a server network. By contrast, the Butman, et al. patent performs its authentication process at a domain communications server through use of a dynamic client registry maintained at the domain communications server. Thus, there is no connection property table at the client side communications server of the Butman, et al. patent as required by the claimed invention. Moreover, the domain communications server of the Butman, et al. patent collects information for a particular client side communication server from other client side communications server. Thus, the particular client side communication server of the Butman, et al. patent is never required to traverse a boundary device controlling access to another client side communications server and thus does not create a boundary traversal key as required by the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-27 are not anticipated by the Butman, et al. patent.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-27.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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